

chron

Director of Central Intelligence

15 September 1949

Executive

Augmentation of the Coordination, Operations and Policy Staff
(previously ICAPS)

Reference: Memo to Deputy Executive from Acting AD/00, subject: ICAPS,
dated 13 September 1949

1. It is believed that the basic idea expressed in attached reference is sound, capable of implementation, and would be a further healthy step in connection with both internal and external coordination in CIA substantive matters.

2. While I do not necessarily subscribe to the statement that the personnel of the subject staff group cannot carry out staff functions now being assigned to them, I do feel that capable representation on this staff from our operating offices would increase its effectiveness.

3. Recommend that after the new designation and functions of the present ICAPS are announced (this should be within a few days), the Executive be charged with selecting, in collaboration with the appropriate Assistant Directors, a capable professional representative from each of the overt offices for temporary detail for a period not less than one year as additional members of ICAPS. Such members, while detailed, should be subject only to the supervision and control of the Chief of ICAPS but should maintain sufficient contact with the offices from which detailed to insure adequate consideration of the operating problems of each such office in our overall planning and programming.

25X1A

Encl. See Reference

Exec chrono

25X1A

/mc (15 Sep 49)